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FOGWELL'S GYM

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PUT *SIMPLY*, GENTLEMEN, CRIME IS ON THE *RISE*-- AND THEREFORE, SO ARE OUR *PROFITS*.

YOU ARE DISMISSED.

ONE *MOMENT*, MR. FISK.

THERE'S NOBODY IN THIS *ROOM* WHO WOULD QUESTION YOUR *AUTHORITY* --OR YOUR *JUDGEMENT*, MR. FISK.

NONETHELESS, CERTAIN *ALLOCATIONS* OF *PERSONNEL* AND *FUNDS* HAVE COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE *BOARD* --AND WELL, SIR, THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF *TALK*...

...ABOUT *MATT MURDOCK*...

FAPP

...NOW, AN OCCASIONAL *VENDETTA* BRINGS A *PERSONAL* TOUCH TO... TO BUSINESS. IT'S *GOOD* FOR BUILDING *ENTHUSIASM*. BUT LIKE I *SAID*, THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF *TALK*...

...AND, WELL, YOU *KNOW* HOW IMPORTANT *WORKER CONFIDENCE* IS. WE'RE JUST ASKING YOU TO *EXPLAIN*...

FAPP

CHINKK

MR. *SWITZER*--THIS IS A *CHECK* FOR THE CURRENT MARKET VALUE OF YOUR SHARES IN THE CONGLOMERATE. TAKE IT, OR YOUR FAMILY *DIES*.

YOU ARE ALL DISMISSED.

MR. *SWITZER* HAS A *WEEK-END* IN *COLORADO* PLANNED.

HE *SKIS*.

COMPOUND FRACTURE.

BOTH LEGS.

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STAN LEE presents

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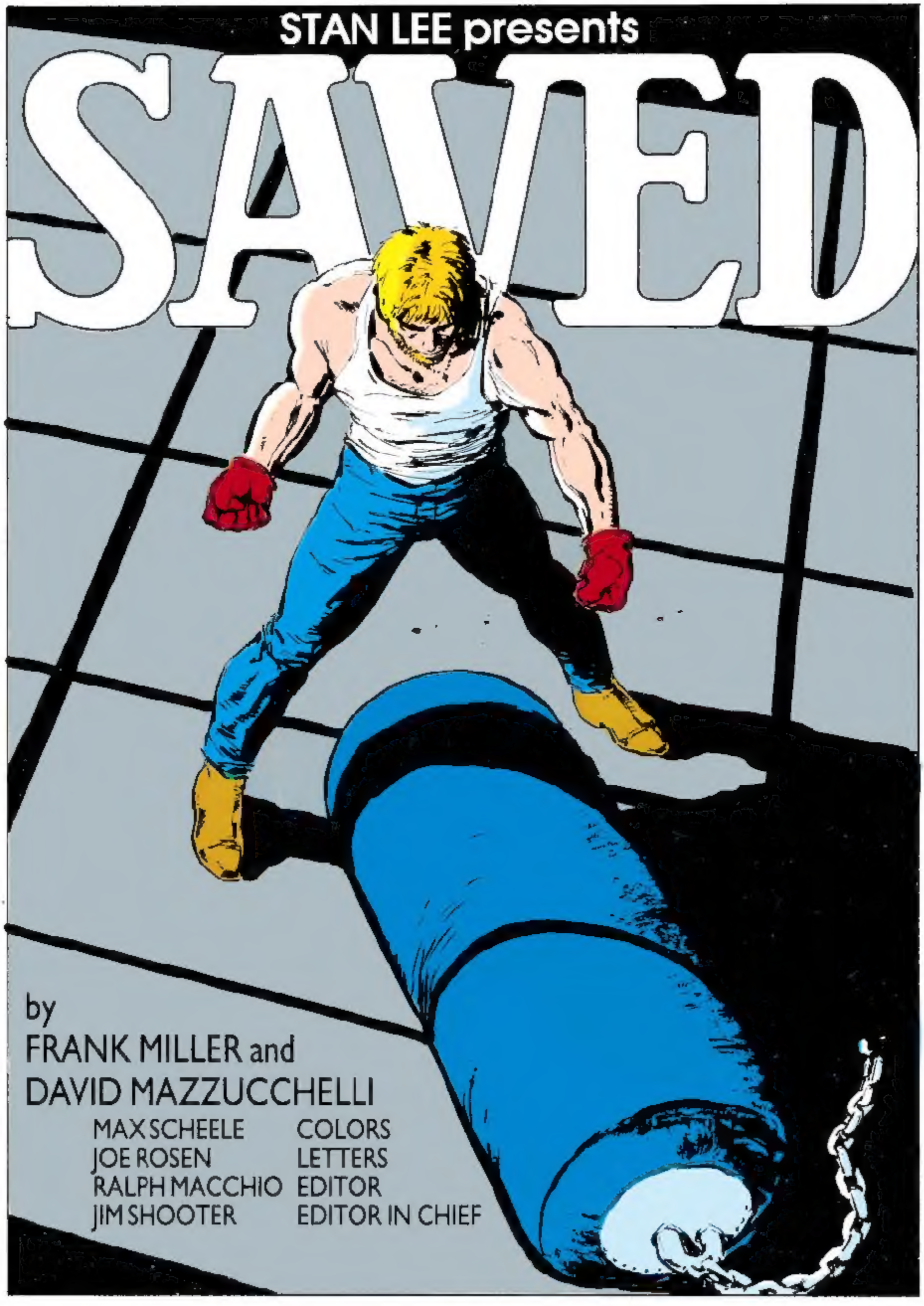

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My name is BEN URICH. I'm a REPORTER.

It took them TWENTY MINUTES to take down my STATEMENT on the murder of police lieutenant NICK MANOLIS.

That was THREE HOURS ago.

For the RECORD, we were on recitation number FIFTEEN when my skull became a bowl of FARINA.

...NICK WAS GOING TO CONFESS THAT HE HELPED THE *KINGPIN* FRAME *MATT MURDOCK*.

THE *KINGPIN* HAD NICK *KILLED* TO SHUT HIM *UP*.

I CAN'T *TELL* YOU WHY THE KINGPIN HAS IT *IN* FOR MURDOCK...

I start thinking about MATT just to keep my BRAIN busy.

MATT...they'd put me in the DRUNK TANK if I tried to tell them about YOU...

...about how you were struck across the eyes and BLINDED by a radioactive ISOTOPE--how your remaining SENSES were HEIGHTENED.

Suppose I TOLD them, Matt, that you can tell if someone's LYING by the sound of a HEARTBEAT?

That you can READ a printed PAGE by FEELING the impression of the INK with your FINGERTIPS...

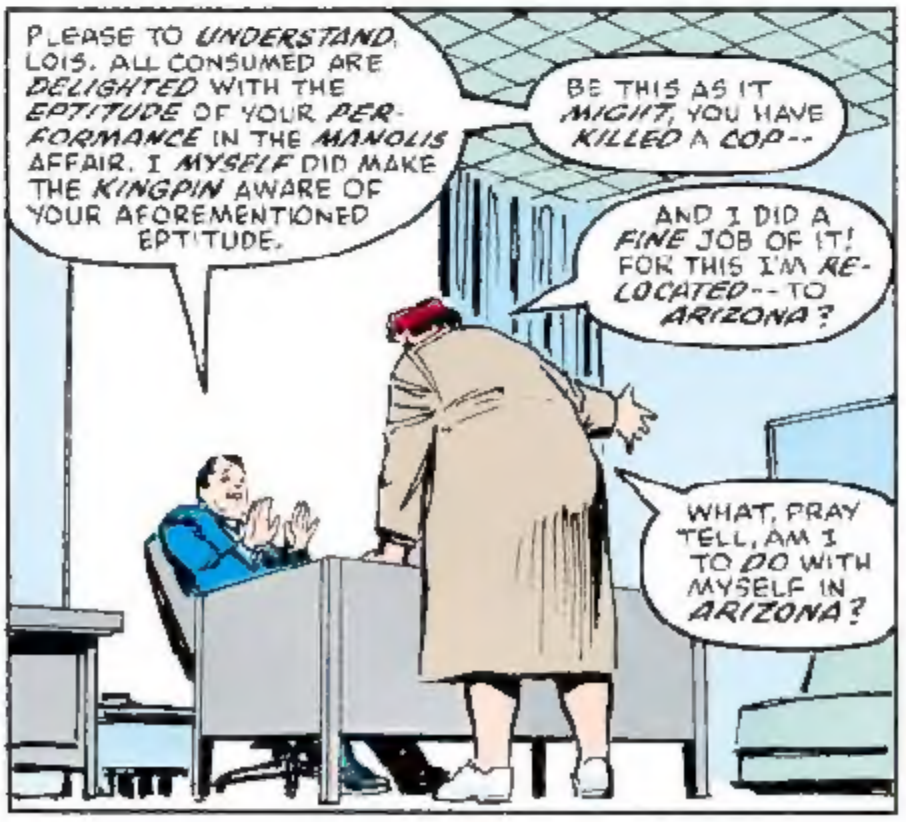
BUGLE

Cop Strangled in Hospital Bed

The Kingpin of Crime
A Six Part Series by Ben U...

... no, I don't tell them all THAT. But whatever I DO say is enough to convince them to graft a six foot SWEDE to my hip.
I wish I could tell you I feel SAFER with officer HEGERFORS.
It's not like having YOU along, MATT Nothing is.
POL

Knowing you're ALIVE-- that would help.
The KINGPIN robbed you of your CAREER, your HOME, everything you HAD. All this while you were teetering on the edge of a nervous BREAKDOWN.
Nobody's SEEN you for WEEKS.


PLEASE TO *UNDERSTAND*, LOIS. ALL CONSUMED ARE *DELIGHTED* WITH THE *EPTITUDE* OF YOUR *PERFORMANCE* IN THE *MANOLIS* AFFAIR. I *MYSELF* DID MAKE THE *KINGPIN* AWARE OF YOUR AFOREMENTIONED EPTITUDE.
BE THIS AS IT *MIGHT*, YOU HAVE *KILLED* A *COP*--
AND I DID A *FINE* JOB OF IT! FOR THIS I'M *RELOCATED*--TO *ARIZONA*?
WHAT, PRAY TELL, AM I TO *DO* WITH MYSELF IN *ARIZONA*?

I *ASSURE* YOU THIS *DISPLACEMENT* IS OF A *TEMPORARY* NATURE. URICH'S SUDDEN ACQUISITION OF *GUTS* IS CAUSE FOR *ORGANIZATION-WIDE* CONCERN--
IF MR. *URICH* IS THE *PROBLEM*--
--LET ME RELOCATE *HIM*.

NOT TO BE *CONSIDERED*, LOIS-- AS PER *DIRECT COMMAND* FROM--

LOIS--

WHAT *IS* THIS THING?

A *HAMBURGER*. NOT THE *WORST* THING ON THE MENU, OFFICER.

YOU SHOULD TRY THE *MEATBALLS*.

READ the

NO *WONDER* THIS JOINT IS DESERTED.

THAT'S WHY I *LIKE* IT. GOOD PLACE TO GET SOME *WRITING* DONE, ONCE YOU GET USED TO THE *SMELL*.

LOOK, I'D BETTER CALL MY *WIFE*. TELL HER WE'VE GOT *COMPANY* TONIGHT.

ALL I NEED IS A *COUCH*, MR. URICH.

YOU DON'T KNOW *DORIS*.

I DON'T CARE *WHAT* THE MAN SAID, BEN. HE'S OUR *GUEST* AND IT WON'T TAKE A *MINUTE* TO FIX HIM A PROPER *BED*.

NOK NOK

SOMEONE AT THE *DOOR*, HONEY. SEE YOU SOON.

HELLO?

MRS. URICH. IT'S YOUR HUSBAND. IT'S VERY BAD.

Forty minutes on the subway. I block them out.

NOK NOK

OPEN UP, DOLL. IT'S ME.

PROBABLY GOT THE WASHER RUNNING.

KKLAKK CHKLAK klik

TOOK MONTHS TO CONVINCE HER TO KEEP THE DOOR LOCKED.

SHE'S FROM IDAHO. TENDS TO TRUST PEOPLE.

EVEN NEW YORK HASN'T CURED HER OF WHFFF

KOFF DORIS--

THWOKK

G-- GG-- GG--

DORIS--

OH NO DORIS--

GGG--

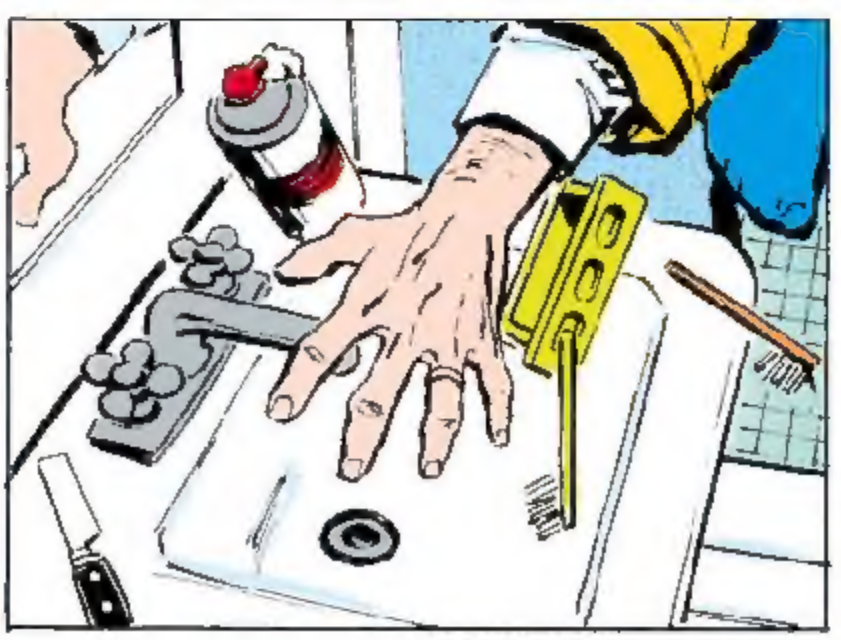
OH NO BABY OH NO HONEY *NO*--

KNOT'S TOO *TIGHT* HONEY BABY OH *NO*--

KRAKK

WH--

CHUDD



THAK

KKRAKK

DON'T MOVE HONEY DON'T MOVE--

KOFF HKKK KOFF

Right in my own HOME -- right in my own HOME --

I stand there for a full minute, holding the razor with no idea how to use it, before I notice the HANDCUFFS and her broken JAW.

It sinks in.

MATT

You're ALIVE

RING RING RING RING

HELLO? HELLO, MR URICH?

YOU MIGHT NOT REMEMBER ME I'M MELVIN POTTER.

YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT MR URICH -- I READ YOUR ARTICLE IN TODAY'S BUGLE, ABOUT THE KINGPIN.

WE OUGHT TO TALK. I MEAN, WE HAVE TO TALK. TONIGHT.

IT'S ABOUT DAREDEVIL. IT'S URGENT

TONIGHT? NO. CAN'T TALK TONIGHT. TOMORROW

BUT IT HAS TO BE TONIGHT.. IT'S A MATTER OF LIFE AND KLIK

Right in my own HOME.

THIS ONE HAS A THING FOR *FAMILIES*.

I'M AFRAID I CAN'T GIVE YOU AN EXACT *BODY COUNT*--HIS *LAWYER* GOT HIS *RECORD* SEALED--BUT IT'S *RESPECTABLE*.

GOES FOR *KNIVES* MOSTLY, BUT I'M *SURE* HE COULD BE TALKED INTO USING A *CLUB*.

I SHOULD *WARN* YOU--HE'S *UNPREDICTABLE*.

HE WILL DO. ARRANGE FOR HIS RELEASE.

...SAID THEY'RE GOING TO BLOW UP THE *SHOP* AND KILL *ME*, BETSY--UNLESS I MAKE THIS *DAREDEVIL* COSTUME.

I *KNOW* THEY'RE UP TO SOMETHING *ROTTEN*. THEY WANT IT *TONIGHT*. I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO *DO*.

...*TERRIBLE*, THAT'S HOW I FEEL. YOU KNOW WHAT *DAREDEVIL*'S DONE FOR ME. I'D BE IN *PRISON* IF NOT FOR HIM. BUT MY *SHOP*...

...BETSY--PLEASE STOP ASKING ME HOW I *FEEL*. I DON'T *NEED* YOU AS A *THERAPIST*. I NEED TO KNOW WHAT TO *DO*.

...NO, NO-- *SKIP* ALL THAT YOU JUST DON'T *KNOW* WHAT I SHOULD DO. I DON'T KNOW WHY I'M SPEAKING WITH YOU.

GOOD-BYE BETSY.

MELVIN

MAKE THE COSTUME.

NO ONE WILL BE HURT

PLEASURE TO HEAR YOUR *VOICE* DAREDEVIL

KAREN, ..UM ..CAN I *GET* YOU ANYTHING?..

SICK-- SHE'S SO SICK AND IT WON'T STOP--

--NOTHING IN HER STOMACH BUT HER BODY DOESN'T KNOW THAT AND SHE'S SO SICK--

O.O

--FOGGY--IT SEEMS SO STUPID WITH FOGGY HERE - HE'S PART OF ANOTHER WORLD--

NO, FOGGY - M OKAY--

--WHEN KAREN PAGE WAS PRETTY AND INNOCENT AND FOGGY'S SECRETARY--

AND MATT'S

--BEFORE THE MOVIES AND THE MEN AND --AND THE JUNK--

ANOTHER WORLD - SHE THOUGHT SHE COULD COME BACK TO IT--THOUGHT SHE NEEDED--

- ALL SHE NEEDS IS A FIX--

-NEEDED MATT--BUT MATT'S GONE PROBABLY DEAD AND IT'S HER FAULT--

-- SOLD HIM OUT SOLD HIS SECRET IDENTITY FOR ONE LOUSY FIX JUST LIKE A JUNKIE--

--FOGGY COULDN'T STOP ME IF I JUMPED RIGHT NOW--

PAULO-- IT'S PAULO-- DOWN THERE JUST WAITING MUST'VE BEEN FOLLOWING ME ALL ALONG-- ALL THE WAY FROM HIS HOTEL -

THAT THE GUY THAT BEAT YOU UP? WHERE?

-- SAID HE'D KILL ME IF I RAN OUT ON HIM AND I DID--HE'S CRAZY-- HE'LL KILL US BOTH--

DEVIL HE WILL I'M CALLING THE POLICE.

MR POTTER DID A COMMENSURATE JOB ON THAT COSTUME.

WERE YOU OF THE VERBAL PERSUASION I AM CERTAIN THAT YOU WOULD AGREE.

PUT IT ON--AND LISTEN CLOSELY AS I GIVE WITH YOUR INSTRUCTIONS...

. YOU WILL BE *DEPOSITED* IN AN *ALLEY* BESIDE AN *APARTMENT BUILDING*. YOU WILL *CLIMB* THE *FIRE ESCAPE* AND *ENTER* SAID BUILDING THROUGH THE *ROOF ENTRANCE*, WHICH SHALL BE *UNLOCKED*.

YOU WILL *DESCENT* YOUR SELF TO APART MENT 5B. THERE N YOU WILL MAKE USE OF THIS HERE *BILLY CLUB*--

TO CAUSE *ANATOMIC DAMAGE* TO ONE *FRANKLIN NELSON* AND WHOSOEVER *ELSE* MAY *HABITATE* THE APARTMENT.

SAID *DAMAGE* S TO BE OF A *PERMANENT* NATURE.

EEEEEEE

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE YOU.

RAISE YOUR HANDS.

SURE, OFFICER.

NO *PROBLEM*

BLAM

KRI AM

POLIC

BL AMM

BEEN SOME ACTION, BOSS FRENCH WITH A SHOTGUN ACED TWO COPS.

PAGE IS STILL UP THERE DO WE MOVE IN?

STAY WHERE YOU ARE

IF PAGE OR NELSON TRIES TO LEAVE THE BUILDING, KILL THEM DO IT QUICKLY THERE WILL BE MORE POLICE

POLICE... I NEED NOT ARRANGE FOR NEWS COVERAGE, AS I HAD PLANNED. DAREDEVIL WILL BE SPOTTED.

AND MATT MURDOCK WILL FIND HIS ALTER EGO CHARGED WITH THE MURDER OF HIS FORMER PARTNER AND BEST FRIEND.

STILL, THE TIMING IS DELICATE. MY RENTED PSYCHOPATH WILL HAVE TO MOVE SWIFTLY...

...MOVE *SWIFTLY*, MAKE WITH AN *APPEAR ANCE* AT THE *WINDOW*, AND DON'T FORGET THE *ESCAPE ROUTE* ELSE WISE YOU WILL BE *APPREHENSED* WHICH WOULD *BLOW* THE PLAN IN ITS *ENTIRENESS*

APARTMENT 5B SAY IT BACK SO I KNOW YOU ARE NOT WITHOUT *EARS*

THWAKK

5B.

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TWO POLICEMEN HAVE BEEN *SHOT*--YES, THAT'S *WEST SEVENTIETH* AND *COLUMBUS*.

THEY'LL BE RIGHT--

KRSHH

--NO HOPE FOR ME ANYWAY - I'M DEAD--

OHHH

--BUT FOGGY I CAN GO TO PAULO AND HE WON'T KILL FOGGY--

--DO THAT MUCH RIGHT--

NNFF

THMPP

THWAKK

WHOKK

- MAYBE--MAYBE IF I TALK TO PAULO--BE NICE- HE'LL JUST SLAP ME AROUND--

MAYBE--HE'LL EVEN FIX ME UP--HE'S ALWAYS CARRYING--

-CRAZY JUNKIE HE'LL KILL YOU--

--THINK OF FOGGY--

PITY TO LOSE NELSON. I ONLY RECENTLY ARRANGED TO HAVE HIM HIRED.

SMALL SACRIFICE -- TO DRAW MURDOCK OUT OF HIDING -- TO FINALLY KNOW -- WHERE HE IS --

PAGE JUST HIT THE STREET, BOSS. WE'RE MOVING IN.

KAREN BABY--

PAULO -- WE GOT TO TALK --

SURE, BABY.

LET'S TALK.

AAA

BOTH?

'COURSE.

FUPP

YAAA-- WHAT--

SPAK SPAK SPAK

COME ON

KRA K

SB

SB

KLUDD

SB

WHUKK

SBB···

SNAKK

WHYNNNGGG

KAR N

BLAMM

FUPP

I'M HIT BABY GET THE GUN--

--NO--YOU STINKING JUNKIE--

--RIPPING ME OFF--

PFF

--DEAD END ALLEY--DEAD END--ANYWAY--DOESN'T MATTER--

--GO FOR ONE LAST FIX--ONE LAST TIME--

FUPP

TAKE YOU WITH ME, KAREN PAGE...

--ONE LAST FIX --STOP SHAKING --FIND THE VEIN--

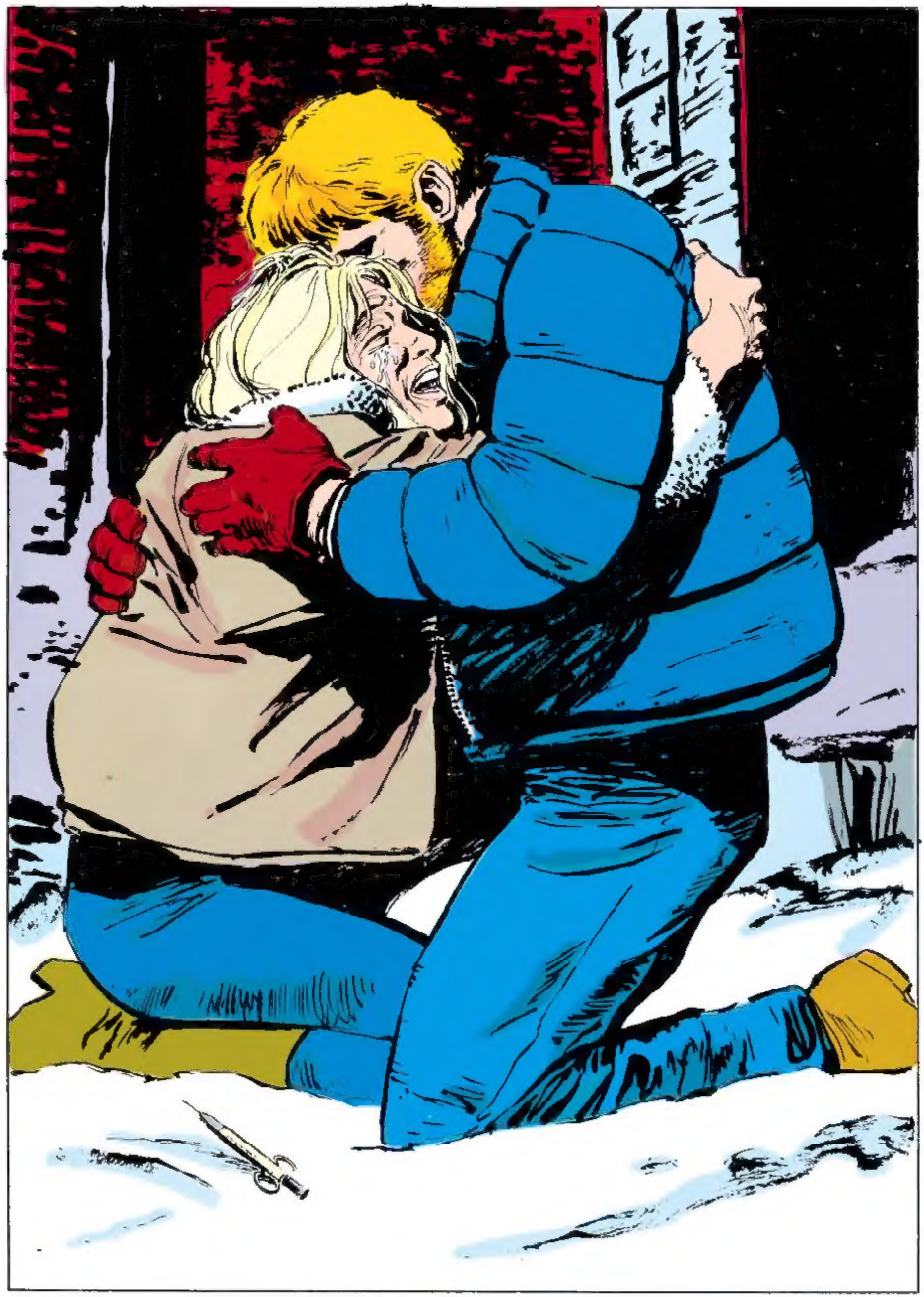
--WON'T EVEN FEEL THE BULLET--ONE LAST--FIND THE VEIN--I LOVE YOU, MATT--

THWOK

TUNK

WHAT THE...

THOKK



In case you're too LAZY to read the NEWSPAPER--or WORSE, you get it from TELEVISION--a LOT has happened.

FIVE BODIES were found by POLICE on and around a West Side APARTMENT BUILDING. The LIVE one was on the ROOF, stripped NAKED and suffering from multiple CONTUSIONS.

Turns out he's a certified LUNATIC.

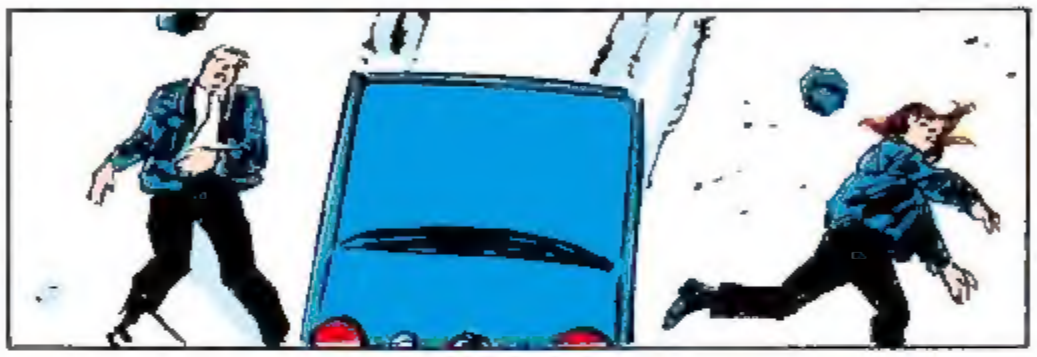
The DOCTOR who arranged for his RELEASE is now working in FLORIDA.

As a GARDENER.

Two of the DEAD ones were known CRIMINALS. Both had previously served PRISON terms. One, in fact, FELIX MANNING by name, was still on PAROLE.

Their CORPSES and their EMPLOYMENT RECORDS have sparked an INVESTIGATION that will keep the Kingpin's ATTORNEYS busy for MONTHS.

The other two were officers SPANNER and TRUMBULL of the New York City POLICE. They leave a husband, a wife, and four kids behind to wonder WHY.



Two MORE were apprehended FLEEING the scene. One was MICHAEL KEMP, a three time LOSER. The other, PAULO SCORCESE, faces several LIFE SENTENCES for outstanding convictions of ARMED ROBBERY, DRUG TRAFFICKING, and MURDER.

Doris? Well, her NECK still hurts and she's taken to wearing a SCARF to hide the BRUISE. But she can TALK again and even LAUGHS when I say she sounds like BRENDA VACCARO.

As for ME--like I TOLD you, I'm a REPORTER.

I'm going to find out where MATT MURDOCK is--

--and what he has BECOME.

MILTON19